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Group Art Unit: 1772  
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under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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## 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
  - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
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## 2. Miscellaneous

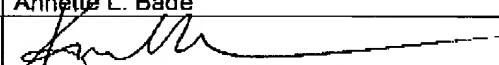
- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) (required))
- b. ☐ Other

## 3. Fees

[The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.]

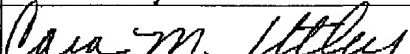
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- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) - \$770.00
  - ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17). Please grant any required extension of time.
  - iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☐ A return receipt postcard is enclosed.

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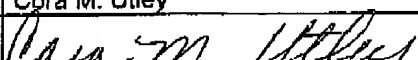
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